

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed dredging project in Little Creek in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

January 27, 2017 to February 10, 2017

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal activity to determine whether it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The CZM Program seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Norfolk District has submitted a Federal Consistency Determination (FCD) for the proposed maintenance dredging of a boat basin and moorings at the United States Coast Guard (USCG) Station Little Creek in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The station is located within Little Creek Cove which connects to the navigable Little Creek Channel. The station is a home port for three large cutters and a number of smaller vessels. Maintenance dredging was last performed in 1994. The proposed project will mechanically dredge the boat basin and moorings to a required depth of eight feet below mean lower low water (MLLW) with a one foot over-dredge for a maximum dredge depth of 9 feet below MLLW. The dredging will remove approximately 635 cubic yards of sediment from an approximately 0.17-acre area. The dredge material will be disposed of at the Clearfield MMG, Inc. facility in Chesapeake, Virginia. The USCG has submitted a Federal Consistency Determination which finds the proposed action consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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